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(57) Abstract: A method of retaining a solder mass to a solder-bearing article is provided and includes the steps of: (a) forming a plurality of openings in the solder-bearing article; (b) disposing a length of solder mass over at least some of the plurality of openings; and forming a plurality of solder rivets along the length of the solder mass. The solder rivets serve to retain the length of solder mass to the solder-bearing article. The solder-bearing article includes any number of different types of components where a solder mass is held thereby, e.g., leads, terminals, connectors, electromagnetic shields, etc.

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